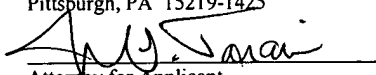


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**Applicant(s):** Samarth SARTHI et al.  
**Filed:** August 25, 2000  
**Title:** PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION SOFTWARE  
**Art Unit:** 3626  
**Examiner:** Vanel Frenel  
**Docket No.:** DB000877-000  
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- Amendment, Response to Office Action of October 3, 2003;
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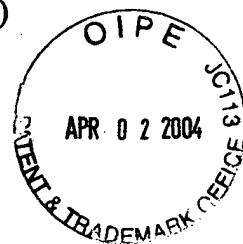
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